

**ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS
IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE:**

CHRISTIANS NOT TAKING THE DEVIL _____.

“We know that God’s children do not make a practice of sinning, for God’s Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. *We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.* And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life. Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.” 1 John 5:18-21 NLT

**CORRECTING 2 MISCONCEPTIONS
ABOUT THE DEVIL:**

**THE DEVIL IS NOT A _____ TO HAVE FUN
WITH OR SYMPATHY FOR**

“And no wonder, for even *Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.* So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.” 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 ESV

“He personally attacked Adam and Eve (Gen 3:1-7), Job (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-13), David, (1 Chr 21:1), Joshua the high priest (Zec 3:1-2), Jesus (Matt 4:1-11), Judas (John 13:27), and Peter (Luke 22:31-32)”

“You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. *He was a murderer from the beginning* and does not stand in the truth, because *there is no truth in him.* When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because *he is a liar and the father of lies.*” John 8:44 CSB

**THE DEVIL IS NOT A _____
TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY**

“Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to *stand firm against all strategies of the devil.*” Ephesians 6:11 NLT

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to *stand against the schemes of the devil.*” Ephesians 6:11 ESV

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary *the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*” 1 Peter 5:8 ESV

THE BOTTOM LINE:

THE DEVIL IS A _____ OPPONENT

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all *the flaming darts of the evil one;*” Ephesians 6:13, 16 ESV

“So *the great dragon* was thrown out — the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one *who deceives the whole world.* He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.” Revelation 12:9 CSB

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER:

THE DEVIL IS A _____ OPPONENT

**JESUS IS ABOVE THE DEVIL
IN POWER, POSITION, AND AUTHORITY.**

“*He has delivered us* from the domain of darkness *and transferred us to the kingdom* of his beloved Son, in whom *we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*” Colossians 1:13-14 ESV

“We know that God’s children do not make a practice of sinning, for *God’s Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them.* 1 John 5:18

“Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*” 1 John 3:8 ESV

TWO TIPS TO START RACKING UP THE WINS!

ACCEPT WHAT WE CANNOT YET _____

TAKE WHAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND _____